

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General

FROM : George Bush

SUBJECT : Responses to the Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence

1. In order to assure appropriate coordination of responses to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on matters which involve more than one intelligence organization, and in order to identify common problems or issues that arise in the course of dealings between the intelligence organizations and the Committee, as to which there may be a need for policy guidance, I have designated [redacted], my Deputy for the Intelligence Community, to serve as a focal point and have established an Ad Hoc Coordinating Group under his auspices. Representatives of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence and the National Foreign Intelligence Board will be involved.

2. It is recognized that in some instances the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will solicit information or responses from offices that are not a part of the Intelligence Community structure. As an example, the Committee has already made known its interest in receiving reports comparable to the periodic reports that must be submitted to the Intelligence Oversight Board, relating to activities that are questionable as to either legality or propriety, pursuant to Section 6(b) of Executive Order 11905 (18 February 1976). The obligations to submit these periodic reports to the Intelligence Oversight Board rest with Inspectors General and General Counsels involved with elements of the Intelligence Community, but in some cases these officers do not serve within the intelligence components of the parent departments.

3. I have asked the CIA Inspector General and General Counsel to be watchful for Senate Committee requests of such a nature they are likely to have been posed to several departments and agencies, and responses to which will involve offices which are not a part of the Intelligence Community. If it appears that consultation with their counterparts in other departments and agencies might prove helpful in development of responses to the Committee, I have asked my Inspector General and General Counsel to initiate appropriate consultation. I request that you take whatever steps may be necessary either to initiate or to facilitate conduct of such consultation.

4. I have pledged my full support to the Committee and in that regard consider that it may be helpful to coordinate certain responses to the Committee. It is not at all my intention to restrict the flow of information to the Committee or to impose an artificial uniformity on the viewpoints of agencies whose concerns, responsibilities, and jurisdictional relationships with the Committee may differ. Rather, my intent is simply to create a procedure that encourages an exchange of views and hopefully will serve to avoid conflicting responses to the Committee in situations where prior consultation might bring about agreement or at least a narrowing of differences.

5. I believe that the arrangements outlined in this memorandum will be beneficial both to the Intelligence Community and to the Committee.

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

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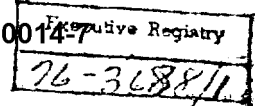
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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD PRINCIPALS

FROM : George Bush
Chairman

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Responses to the Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence

1. Reference is my attached memorandum to Members of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence, subject as above, in which I provide for a mechanism to assure proper coordination of responses to the Senate Select Committee on matters which involve more than one intelligence organization and for enabling identification of problem areas on which policy guidance is needed.

2. You already have named a representative to the Ad Hoc Coordinating Group in response to the 4 August memorandum from the Acting D/DCI/IC.

3. Your full cooperation in the program described in the attached memorandum is requested.

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

cc: CFI Members

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

FROM : George Bush
Chairman

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Responses to the Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence

1. Discussion among representatives of the NSC Staff and a number of elements of the Intelligence Community has indicated interest in an improved mechanism for assuring proper coordination of responses to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which involve more than one intelligence organization and for enabling identification of matters on which policy guidance is needed. STATINTL
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STATINTL 2. Accordingly, I have charged [redacted] USN, my Deputy for the Intelligence Community, to serve as a focal point for this, and I have appointed [redacted] USAF (Ret.), Special Assistant to the D/DCI/IC, as Chairman of an Ad Hoc Coordinating Group.

3. This Coordinating Group already has been organized on the basis of a 4 August memorandum to NFIB Principals from the Acting D/DCI/IC. It is requested that each CFI member also designate a representative.

4. As an information base for this effort, I request that each CFI member and each NFIB Principal forward to the Chairman, Ad Hoc Coordinating Group, a copy of each request received from the Senate Select Committee or one of its subcommittees. This will enable the D/DCI/IC to identify instances in which the same request is being made to a number of organizations. In such instances the Ad Hoc Coordinating Group can be used to assure that separate intelligence organizations are not working at cross purposes in their responses.

5. It is also requested that each CFI member and each NFIB Principal identify to the D/DCI/IC any problem areas in which it is considered policy guidance would be helpful. I will assume responsibility for obtaining such Executive Branch policy guidance as may be required.

6. I already have pledged my full support to the Senate Select Committee, and I believe the Intelligence Community must be responsive to the Committee. My designation of the D/DCI/IC as the focal point and establishment of the Ad Hoc Coordinating Group is not intended to orchestrate or control responses to the Committee by Community organizations, but to assure that there is counsel and coordination where and when needed.

7. I recognize that in some instances the Senate Select Committee will solicit information or responses from offices that are not a part of the Intelligence Community structure. One example is the Committee request for information comparable to that in the periodic reports that must be submitted to the Intelligence Oversight Board. Accordingly, I am writing separately to the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and the Attorney General proposing that our Inspectors General and General Counsels consult as appropriate on matters of joint interest regarding responses to the Senate Select Committee which do not fall within the responsibilities of the members of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence or of principals of the National Foreign Intelligence Board.

8. It could well turn out that policy matters involving the Committee on Foreign Intelligence could develop in the course of our relationships with the Senate Select Committee, and I solicit your attention to the possibility of such.

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George Bush

cc: NFIB Principals

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